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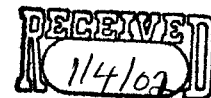
Mr. John Ashcroft,

It is with much embarrassment that our DOJ basically caved in with regards to making a settlement with Microsoft. I have read the settlement agreement and I can't believe how many loopholes there are for Microsoft. It appears that because of the recent terrorist attacks, the DOJ is letting Microsoft go. So, Microsoft crushed Netscape, continues to use their Monopolistic practices, is planning on continuing to use their monopolistic powers to gain control of the Internet, and the DOJ is just slapping their wrists with NO penalty at all. I am outraged as a US citizen as well as a consumer. This settlement in no way protects me from Microsoft.

Maybe Microsoft did the right thing and started contributing money to the political parties, perhaps this is what this was all about to begin with. Who knows. What I do know, is that it appears that there is no one with any technical expertise that was involved with this agreement.

Shame on you and the DOJ. You have just proved that if you have enough money and are powerful enough that you too can break any and all laws and not be brought to justice.

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